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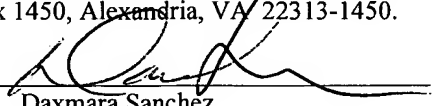
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**Title: "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CREATING A VORTEX FLOW"**

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### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the restriction requirement mailed on August 10, 2005, the Examiner requested that the Applicants elect among the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-15 and 32-34, drawn to a tool, classified in class 366, subclass 338+;

Group II: Claims 16-24, 30 and 31, drawn to a fluid transport system, classified in class 138, subclass 137; and

Group III: Claims 25-29, drawn to a method for accelerating a fluid, classified in class 138, subclass 137.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, which includes Claims Claims

1-15 and 32-34, drawn to a tool, classified in class 366, subclass 338+, for prosecution on the Merits.

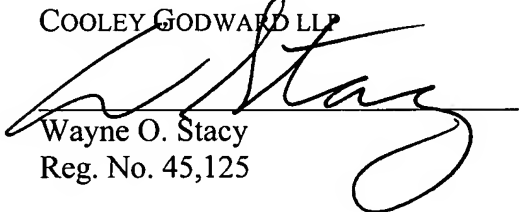
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